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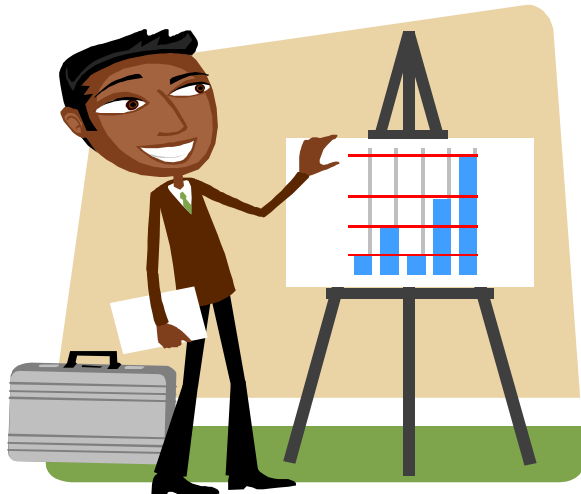
We're Just Wild
About Our Neighborhood!

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All RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES of: all of LANTANA, RENO, AUBURN (4758-5160) DRIVES; all of ONTARIO, CASTLE, South side of UNIVERSITY (4749-4849), East side of EUCLID (3611-3889), ESTRELLA (3803-3857) AVENUES; DWIGHT (4759-4792), WIGHTMAN (4750-4871)

COUNCIL DISTRICT SEVEN



BUDGET PRESENTATION

Our office will discuss the City budget and ask residents to give their input on what services they value most and what services they value least. It is most important to our office that we receive this valuable input from our constituents.

Marisa Berumen
Council Rep to Fox Canyon
Office of Councilmember
MARTI EMERALD

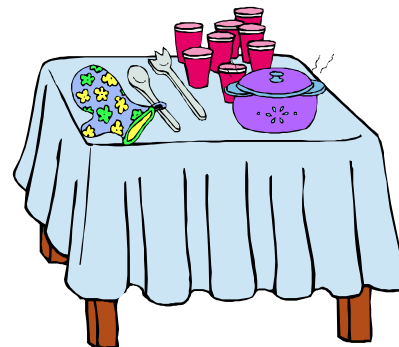
GET INVOLVED

The very few who show up and get involved
CHANGE and RUN THE WORLD!

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 10, 2009 @ 6:15 PM
5123 University Avenue
(Auburn Park Community Room)

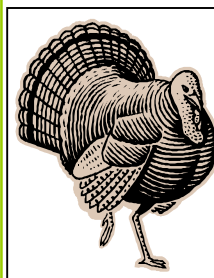
IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU ATTEND!

HOLIDAY POTLUCK

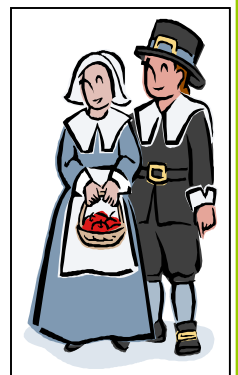


Hurry! The Holidays are fast approaching and you need to dust your old favorite recipe to get familiar with it, again, get the ingredients needed and impress your neighbors with such culinary wonder. Days go fast and your neighbors are awaiting the pleasure of your company and the surprise of your best dish to help celebrate the holidays. Ethnic dishes are most impressive. Bambusas, Oaxacan and Central-American tamales and carrot cakes have adorned the association's tables before. What will be on the tables this next December 8? Attend and find out!

HAPPY AND PEACEFUL THANKSGIVING!



The Association wishes you and your family a happy, quiet and peaceful Thanksgiving Day. This once a year day of reflection and



giving thanks is an opportunity to reflect upon and celebrate our blessings during the year. Among other, our blessings this year include the job we still have, the house we still hold on and live-in and our neighbors. In addition, to health, family and friends, we need to give THANKS for living in the park-like setting of Fox Canyon.

NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 10, 2009 @ 6:15 PM

5123 University Avenue

(Community Room at AUBURN PARK)

Proposed Agenda:

CD7 CITY BUDGET PRESENTATION

Other topics:

Undergrounding: Spring 2010, end of design phase will be completed & construction to begin 2011.

COME and JOIN US!

The BOARD of DIRECTORS

Will NOT meet again until January 26, 2010.

The Board is now enjoying a well deserved Sabbatical.

Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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CITY BUDGET PRESENTATION



There is not a big secret that the City of San Diego is facing a huge deficit this year and perhaps in years ahead, depending on how the economy recovers. This deficit is far reaching and will negatively impact our quality of life, our neighborhood's well being and the way in which services are provided, delivered and/or cut. Such shortage of services will affect us directly. Therefore, our input into such matters is essential. We all

need to create a civic conscience that will reflect this attitude and react positively especially when we are asked by those who we voted-in to represent us. It is not rhetorical and it is worthwhile to remind our neighbors that ours is a "government by the people, for the people". So when we gather together every month, we are government. Either we support our government with our time (meetings), our money (taxes), our participation (decision making/voting) or with our own volunteer work then we don't want or have money to pay more taxes. The cruel reality is "cut or not to cut" or "tax or not to tax". So, to the extent that we need to balance the equation, your input is required. Grasp the seriousness of this situation, the Councilmember is giving us, her constituents in Fox Canyon and neighboring communities, the great and unique opportunity to express choices. Get up, be counted, be active, participate and attend the budget presentation and express yourself as our voices matter. Jose Lopez

UNDERGROUNDING

City engineers were on Lantana Drive this afternoon surveying.

COFFEE WITH COUNCILMEMBER MARTI EMERALD

At ten in the morning, this last October 31, 2009 (Halloween day) fifteen (15) of your Fox Canyon neighbors including Marti and Marisa gathered to participate in a "Coffee with Marti" at the home of famous "Cookie Lady",

Doris Pierson on Castle Avenue. As usual Doris baked up a storm to welcome her neighbors and the Councilmember. The banana bread



was just superb, and the cookies? You had to be there to taste them and say! The Councilmember kicked off the meeting with a briefing of pending issues initiated by, and important to, our community including the status of the State Parks grant, the Fox Canyon, Wightman Street Neighborhood Parks and other park related issues.

Other topics included: the ESD clean up and FREE recycling event of October 24; the status of the undergrounding; nuisance properties and their neglectful



Landlords; residents education to keep canyon side properties in good environmental health; the vision of a street fair; the Urban Forestry Initiative that provides free street trees in exchange for care and watering and the newly installed streets lights along Winona Avenue from University to Wightman Street.

The residents initiated topics included: blight on Euclid Avenue, unlicensed business; multiplicity of licenses on single storefronts and the abatement of automobile care, repair and auto body shops from Dwight on to University, including Leo's; the abatement of socially unacceptable absentee landlords; volunteer opportunities to maintain the neighborhood in good shape, including education on native plants and getting rid of graffiti; more police patrols; road humps on Wightman Street, Castle and other neighborhood streets to control speeders and the resurfacing of the Loop (Auburn/Wightman).

At the meeting there was talk about establishing an environmental and a neighborhood safety committee. Neighbor Torgerson committed himself to be highly involved with and lead the neighborhood CERT Program and Jose is to call a meeting of the Neighborhood Watch Block Captains.

There is no doubt that we need to take charge to continue enjoying the same standard of living that we have and need to maintain in our own community. Are you up to the challenge and/or at least participate?

PUBLIC NOTICE

Accumulating over a period of years, nuisance properties at the entrance of Lantana Drive have gotten so annoying and wide spread that neighbors have taken the required steps to begin abatement, one property at a time. At the last general meeting (10/13/09) concerned neighbors asked the Neighborhood Association to refer the public nuisance issue of 4890 and 4802 Lantana to the Board of Directors recommending that a place of public nuisance be declared at this property. With general consensus and a unanimous vote of 14/0/0, the issue was sent to the Board for its consideration. On October 27, on its regular monthly meeting, Board agenda Item-8 was duly considered and

discussed by the Board. In a motion by Davis/Pierson, passed 5/0/1(Lopez) the Board declared 4890 & 4802 Lantana a place of public nuisance and authorized the president to take executive action to abate the property using all established institutions and resources available, and to file a formal complaint using the civil process against the property owner, if necessary and as the last recourse.

4852 CASTLE AVENUE

On Thursday, October 29, 2009, Combination Building and Land Use Violations inspectors from the NCCD inspected and assigned this property the following case number: NC # 141586.

Inspection Findings:

- The property is a recent foreclosure and is vacant, secured and with no water service.
- There is some junk and debris discarded in the rear yard but no evidence of cooking and/or fires.
- There also appears to be an illegal garage conversion.
- NCCD will notice the lender and/or new owner to clean the property and address the non-permitted construction.

In addressing the issues pertinent to this property, please always refer to case NC# 141586.

COMMUNITY CLEANUP



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

October 27, 2009

Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association Inc.
C/O Jose Lopez
4916 Lantana Drive
San Diego CA, 92105

Dear Mr. Lopez:

On behalf of the City of San Diego I would like to express my appreciation for your efforts in making the October 24, 2009, Major Community Cleanup Successful. A total of 32.27 tons of waste was removed from the neighborhood; consisting of 25.83 tons of non-recyclables and 6.44 tons of recyclables. Recyclables collected were various types of metals and appliances.

Once again, please express my thanks to all the volunteers who helped in passing out the fliers.

It was a pleasure working with you.

Sincerely,

Stacy Workman

Stacy Workman
Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer

Once again, the Community Cleanup and FREE Recycling Event was successful and highly beneficial to our community. Read the letter from Stacy Workman, Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer, above and find out the tonnage of waste removed. The Association wants to unite our voices to express communal THANKS to the Environmental Services



Department crew who volunteered to work on Saturday to ensure that the cleanup event was successful. In addition, we couldn't do what we do to improve the neighborhood without the dedicated work of community volunteers who took upon themselves to

distribute 3,000 fliers in two waves in the target area. The first wave was delivered as follows: (1) The loop Winona/50th Street/Wightman/49th Street was done by Donald. (2) Reno/Estrella/south of University was done by Jose. (3) The Loop (Auburn/ Wightman) was done by Deborah and (4) the loop Lantana/ Castle/Dwight/ east of Euclid was done by Roselyn. The second wave was done (1) by Jose, (2) by Donald, (3) by Martin, from the Pork chop to Corliss) and (4) by Donald and Jose. Our deep felt THANKS are extended and express to the volunteers who with dedication and great feelings for their community exercised their legs and hearts a lot delivering fliers. Our THANKS are also extended to Councilmember MARTI EMERALD, CD7 and Marisa Berumen (in a Council Office first) for attending the Volunteer Appreciation section of the Cleanup Event.

BE FOREWARNED

The properties of some unencumbered, antisocial and neglectful absentee landlords still have tons of discards on the canyon side of their properties after the cleanup. How can you bypass the magnificent opportunity to get rid all of all junk for FREE and with a relatively very small amount of work? After considerable effort, resources and time spent at the doors talking to tenants and residents, the state of these properties frustrate the efforts done to keep a pristine environment within our community. Be forewarned, the Association will ask ESD Solid Waste Enforcement Officers to cite all these properties and enforce their cleaning up.

REBUILDING TOGETHER

Dear Community Partner,

Rebuilding Together San Diego is pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for consideration of our 2010 Home and Community Facility Renovation Program. (Please, see page 10).

We would greatly appreciate your assistance in getting the word out to low-income homeowners who are in need of home repairs and to community facilities that have deferred maintenance and are unable to handle the repairs dues to budget cuts. Applications and guidelines can be found on our website: www.rebuildingtogethersd.org and click on "How to Apply". While you are there, be sure to check on our other Programs. You may be surprised by all we offer!

Please let me know if you have any questions (619) 231-7873 or trisha@rebuildingtogethersd.org.

We will be celebrating our 15th Anniversary in 2010 and we look forward to collaborating with you to make this our best year yet in order to help those in need throughout our community!

Sincere regards,

Trisha Phillips, Project Operations Manager
Rebuilding Together San Diego
(619) 231-7873 office

www.RebuildingTogetherSD.org

NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES

STOLEN VEHICLES:

The incidents of stolen vehicles are increasing in this area. The last reported stolen was on 11/02/09, at 6:00 in the morning from 4900 Lantana Dr. Purchase surveillance cameras and keep them pointed toward your vehicles with motion sensor lights. Also join your Neighborhood Watch.

ANIMAL SERVICES:

Animal Services Officers made contact and visited with three households last week: (1) Lantana, (2) Auburn and (3) Reno. Still, there are many other households that are keeping aggressive barking dogs in front yards making it impossible for pedestrians to transit in peace and quiet and with a sense of security. Many neighbors continue the practice to just open their doors to let their dogs run loose and use the streets as restrooms. Castle Avenue has lots of piles on the parkways.

Call Animal Services @ (619) 236-4250.

LOUD MUSIC while driving and SPEEDERS:

Just make the effort to take and write down the vehicles license plate numbers and pass them along to the Association FoxCanyonN@aol.com and they will be send to CRO Officer Roman.

RESIDENTIAL LOUD MUSIC:

Call the Police to complaint and ASK FOR and WRITE DOWN the INCIDENT NUMBER, keep a log. Police number (619) 531-2000.

ELECTION RESULTS

Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association

Certification

Election Results/Report

San Diego October 27, 2009

Hereby, I Mercedes Martinez Shetter, duly elected Secretary to the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association, Certify the elections results of October 13, 2009 for the Board of Directors seats and for the election of the Association's President. As reported by Jose Lopez the Association's President.

All re-elected members have a two-year term. Thirteen (13) Ballots were cast from which the "YES" was paired against the "NO" and blank votes were set aside. Six association members were on the ballot for the Board of Directors and all six were re-elected as follow:

- 1) Mercedes Martinez Shetter received 11 "yes", 0"no" votes and was re-elected
- 2) Alfred Ilginis received 10 "yes", 2"no" votes and was re-elected
- 3) Doris Pierson received 11 "yes", 2"no" votes and was re-elected
- 4) Ted Kozminiske received 13 "yes", 0"no" votes and was re-elected
- 5) Rebecca Lopez received 12 "yes", 0"no" votes and was re-elected
- 6) Roselyn Davis received 11 "yes", 1"no" votes and was re-elected

One candidate run for the seat of the president and was re-elected

- 1) Jose Lopez 12 "yes", 1"no" votes and was re-elected. The Ballot which had the NO vote has a candidate write-in of "Mike Elliot".

Duly Signed:

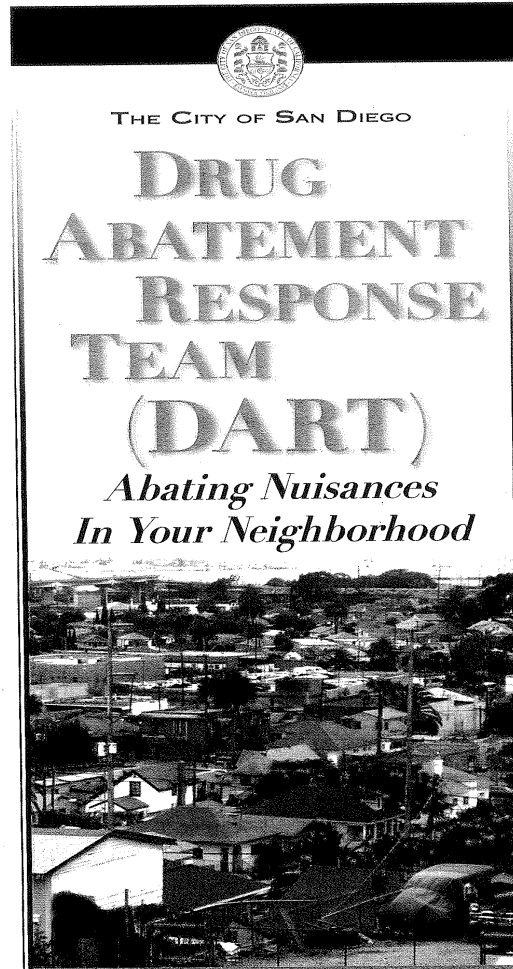
Mercedes Martinez Shetter
Mercedes Martinez Shetter, Secretary

Jose Lopez
Jose Lopez, President

SUPERVISOR RON ROBERTS REP

The Office of Supervisor Ron Roberts, County of San Diego, District Four, announce the assignment of Mr. GABRIEL GUTIERREZ to be the Official Representative assigned to Fox Canyon. Mr. Gutierrez will attend the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association meetings. WELCOME Mr. Gutierrez!

THE DART TEAM



Jose-

After listening to your presentation and community residents' concerns regarding neighborhood nuisance issues, I need to know how our office can be of assistance to Fox Canyon. Like every community in San Diego, residents of Fox Canyon deserve to live in a safe and peaceful neighborhood

Would it be helpful for our office to coordinate a presentation by the DART

Team and/or Kristin Beattie? Ms. Beattie is the neighborhood prosecutor. When a community has a nuisance property or resident that is a constant problem and needs to be handled by the courts, she would be the prosecutor for issues originating out of mid-city.

Please let me know your thoughts.

Marisa Berumen,

Council Rep.

Councilmember Marti Emerald Office

(619) 236-6435

Dear Marisa-

Thank you so very much for your offer to help. Our community highly appreciates yours and the Council Office concerns about these issues. Rest assured, after the Board declares a property to be a public nuisance, I will be contacting every single organization, the Council Office and Mid-City prosecutor Ms. Christine Beattie to coordinate abatement. The Association's meeting of February 2010 will be the earliest time in which we can schedule a DART Team presentation. I know that Fox Canyon residents will benefit greatly from hearing a presentation of this nature jointly with Mid-City Prosecutor Christine Beattie.

Jose

FROM THE E-MAIL BOX

Mr. Lopez,

I just wanted to informally let you know that we have brought some new community representatives on board here at the office and one of them has officially been assigned to your neighborhood. I apologize again, due to our previous short staffed situation I was never able to truly give the association the time that it deserve, but I did enjoy learning about your community and its struggle to get its park. One of our new Rep's will likely be contacting you in the next few days (or maybe already has) and I hope that you are able to build a good working relationship. Feel free to hold onto my contact info as well.

Talk to you soon,

Thomas Ledford,

Land Use Policy Advisor

County of San Diego, District Four, Office of Supervisor Ron Roberts

Jose:

I have spoken with my colleague, Kim. She will mention the need for the November Curfew Sweep to include the Community of Fox Canyon. CRO, Luis Roman gathers all the data including the number of teens picked up and where they were picked up. We will get that information to you sometime late November or Early December.

Marisa Berumen, Council Rep

Councilmember Marti Emerald

619.236-6435, mberumen@sandiego.gov

ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

[Tuesday, OCTOBER 13, 2009]

Meeting called to order by President Lopez, at 6:16 p.

Meeting attendance was sixteen [16] adults (no children) including Marisa Berumen, Council Reps to Councilmember Marti Emerald, CD-7, & CRO Officer Luis Roman.

Update(s) Announcements: Be ready to participate in the Community Cleanup and FREE Recycling Event.

Off-Agenda Public Comment: NONE

Neighborhood Concerns: NONE

Field/Comm. Rep's Reports: Marisa Berumen (CD-7 Council Rep): reported back on CD-7, City and Fox Canyon issues.

CRO Officer Roman: City and Fox Canyon crime issues.

Elections: Ongoing throughout the meeting.

Neighborhood Concerns: The association considered the Nuisance Properties issues at (1) 5046 Auburn Drive, (2) 4871 Wightman Street, (3) 3545 Euclid Avenue and (4) 4790 & 4802 Lantana Drive. With unanimous consent, the Association voted 14/0/0 to send the issue of 4790 & 4802 Lantana to the Board of Directors for consideration with the request for a motion declaring such property a public nuisance.

Presentation(s): NONE

Refreshments: A kind donation from Doris Pierson, Rosilyn Davis and Prince Business Management Systems.

Adjournment: At 7:58 PM, to the Corporation of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association and to the Board Meeting of October 27, at 6:15 p.

Jose Lopez, President

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

[Tuesday, OCTOBER 27, 2009]

Meeting called to order, by President Lopez, at 6:30 PM.

Meeting attendance: SIX [6] Board Members [including: Lopez, Pierson Shetter, Kozminski, Davis and Lopez] with, Ilginis absent, No staff, one infant and one adult neighbor as public present, total attendance was 8.

Public Comment: NONE

Board Members' Comment: NONE

President's Report:

1. Elections Result Report
2. Status/explanation/discussion of the Vision Plan grant
3. Donations and receipts to the end of the year to compute year end donations to compute taxes and year-end report.

Leading Motion:

- Motion to approve the agenda as proposed, the minutes as published and to continue the monthly accounting reports to the meeting of January 26, 2010. Pierson/Lopez, passed 6/0/0.

Action Items:

1. Motion to accept the elections result as certified by Secretary Shetter and reported by President Lopez, Pierson/Davis, passed 6/0/0.
2. Motion to vacate the old Board and seat a new Board according the elections results, Shetter/Lopez, passed 6/0/0.
3. Motion to elect and appoint new Board Officers, continued to the meeting of January 26, 2010, Pierson/Kozminski, passed 6/0/0.
4. Motion to approve the Board's Sabbatical to reconvene back to the meeting of 01/26/10, Pierson/Lopez, passed 6/0/0.
5. Motion to vacate all corporation items and issues for the meeting of December 2009 due to the year-end celebration, Pierson/Shetter, passed 6/0/0.
6. Motion to approve the Member's meeting agenda for the meeting of December 8, 2009 as presented: to host the "End of Year Celebration" with the Association's Potluck, Shetter/Lopez, passed 6/0/0.
7. Motion to approve the Member's meeting agenda as presented for the meeting of November 10, 2009, The Council Office to present the City Budget and upon confirmation CRO Officer Roman Talmadge brief presentation, Kozminski/Davis, passed 6/0/0
8. Motion to declare 4790 & 4802 Lantana Drive a place of public nuisance, Davis/Pierson, passed 5/0/1(Lopez).
9. New Items or Issues: NONE

Closing Comment: NONE

Adjournment at 7:45 PM to the Corporation of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association to the November 10, 2009 Association meeting at 6:15 pm

Mercedes Martinez Shetter, Secretary

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The Fox Canyon Voice

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Doris Pierson proofreader, we're grateful for the donation of her precious time.

LOVE AND RESPECT YOUR NEIGHBORS as you would like them to LOVE and RESPECT YOU.

FROM CONGRESSWOMAN DAVIS

Dear Friends,

It's turned cool and crisp and fall is in the air in Washington, but there are many hot issues being worked on in Congress. The amount of passion and interest in our political dialogue - both from constituents of the 53rd District and from my colleagues on both sides of the aisle - is truly energizing and exciting.

On that note, talking and meeting with so many of you during the recent district work period was very rewarding and informative! I'm glad so many of you were able to attend the variety of forums and workshops that I hosted all over the district.

Staying connected to and hearing from the residents of the 53rd District is very important to me. If you would like to share your thoughts and opinions with me about federal issues or other matters of concern to you, please feel free to [email me here](#), call my San Diego office at (619) 280-5353, or contact my Washington, DC, office at (202) 225-2040.

It continues to be an honor to serve you in Congress!

Warm Regards,

Susan



NEWS RELEASE
COUNCILMEMBER
MARTI EMERALD
Seventh District

Date: October 8, 2009

Contact: Geni Cavitt

Phone: 619-236-6677

For Immediate Release

E-mail: gcavitt@sanidiego.gov

FINAL MEDICAL MARIJUANA TASK FORCE MEETING OF 2009

WHO: Medical Marijuana Task Force.

WHAT: This will be the final meeting of the Medical Marijuana Task Force for 2009.

ACTION ITEMS:

- ITEM 1 – Appropriate land use zones for location of dispensing cooperatives and collectives
- ITEM 2 – Verification of not-for-profit status and other required business documents
- ITEM 3 – Discretionary permit expirations and renewals
- ITEM 4 – Approval of the draft Medical Marijuana Task Force land use recommendations to the San Diego City Council

The Task Force will resume meeting in January, 2010 to discuss law enforcement guidelines and patient and primary caregiver's guidelines.

WHEN: Friday, November 6th, 9 a.m. - Noon

WHERE: City Administration Building

City Council Chambers, 12th Floor

202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101

This meeting will NOT be televised

WHY: The recommendations made by the Medical Marijuana Task Force to the City Council may help set guidelines regarding where medical marijuana cooperatives and collectives will be located and how they are operated. These meetings are open to the public.

For more information:

www.sandiego.gov/medicalmarijuana

FRIENDS OF SAFE AND SANE NEIGHBORHOODS

Action is urgently needed to reverse the direction of the city council regarding “medical” marijuana.

In spite of guidelines provided by the State Attorney General and recent enforcement actions by SD Police Department and the district attorney, a “task force” was created by the city council to research and recommend a land use policy for locating “medical” marijuana dispensaries in our communities. City Councilman Carl DeMaio was the only councilman who argued and voted that this “task force” was unnecessary (Please thank him).

The task force is likely to make recommendations on November 6th. Those who are financially, culturally and “spiritually” invested in legalizing marijuana are dedicating much of their time to influencing this task force and the city council to regulate and locate not ban these stores selling marijuana. Over 200 cities have bans or ordinances preventing storefronts marijuana sales. That is a 7-1 ratio over cities that are regulating storefronts.

In my own neighborhood of PB, 9 stores have opened in 5 months. The one closest to the high school and an elementary school and my house is called “PB420 Cheech and Chong”. In case you don't remember, Cheech and Chong were not “care givers” to the seriously ill. They were stand up comedians of the 1970s who glorified the drug (particularly marijuana) culture.

If we don't express our opinions and demand closing of these stores we will certainly see hundreds of additional stores open, an increase of crime in the vicinity of these stores, increased youth access and use of marijuana and pave the way for further legislation toward full legalization of marijuana. (I won't take the time and space to indicate why that would be disastrous for our state and country but I will if you contact me.) Also, please consider forwarding this to everyone you think might be like-minded on this issue. We need this email and effort to go “viral” in San Diego. Reading the opinion piece at the bottom will provide additional information.

What you can do (DO ALL or AS MANY AS POSSIBLE) is listed below. This will take 20 minutes to express your opinion to those who are responsible for establishing and enforcing city policy. This is important!

1. Call and/or write the district attorney's office – Bonnie Dumanis, 330 W. Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101, publicaffairs@sdcd.org
Phone: (619) 531-4040, FAX: (619) 237-1351
 - Encourage indictments related to the 14 Pot Shops that were closed
 - Urge the DAs office to seek the rapid closing and indictments of all remaining and newly opened pot shops.
2. Call and Email and write/fax the City Council and the Mayor, be polite, and urge the closing of all storefront marijuana sales.

All council offices: (Councilman) 202 “C” Street, MS #10A, San Diego, CA 92101

District 1 – Sherri Lightner, sherrilightner@sanidiego.gov, Phone: (619) 236-6611, Fax: (619) 236-6999.



- District 2 – Kevin Faulconer (Thyme Curtis, Staff Member on this issue), kevinfaulconer@sandiego.gov, Telephone: (619) 236-6622, Fax: (619) 236-6996.
- District 3 – Todd Gloria (Travis Knowles Staff Member, he will argue for regulation, urge a CUP conditional use permit process. This will require significant scrutiny and community input on any store opening), toddgloria@sandiego.gov, Telephone: (619) 236-6633, Fax: (619) 595-1481.
- District 4 – Tony Young (Jimmy Slack Chief of Staff said they agreed these stores should be shut down), anthonyyoung@sandiego.gov, Telephone: (619) 236-6644, Fax: (619) 236 7273.
- District 5 – Carl DeMaio, carldemaio@sandiego.gov, Phone: (619) 236-6655, Fax: (619) 238-0915
- District 6 – Donna Frye, donnafrye@sandiego.gov, Phone: (619) 236-6616, Fax: (619) 236-7329
- District 7 – Marti Emerald, martiemerald@sandiego.gov, Phone: (619) 236-6677, FAX: (619) 238-1360
- District 8 – Ben Hueso, hperaza@sandiego.gov, (Humberto staff member on this issue), Phone: (619) 236 6688, FAX: (619) 231 7918.
- Mayor – Jerry Sanders, jerrysanders@sandiego.gov, City Administration Building, 11th Floor, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 921021, Phone: (619) 236-6330, Fax: (619) 236-7228.
3. Police Chief - Call & Email and write a letter to the Police Chief and urge the closing of storefront marijuana sales. Chief William Lansdowne, sdpdpolicechief@pd.sandiego.gov, 1401 Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101-5729, Phone: (619) 531 2777.

Pot Shops Are Still Illegal Despite a Task Force

November 3, 2009

San Diegans have seen the number of pot shops grow from five in January, to 65 in early September, to 90 by the end of October. This proliferation is not the result of an increase in the number of patients needing marijuana. Fewer than 3 percent of the customers have recommendations for AIDS, glaucoma, or cancer. Over 90 percent of those observed entering these stores are young males. County Health and Human Services said that only 200 marijuana ID cards have been issued, after many demands to have this expensive program implemented by the County. In spite of so few official ID recommendation cards these stores are flourishing financially.

The misinterpretation of two laws brought us to this situation: Prop 215 (medical marijuana) whose compassionate and narrow intent was to provide a legal defense for a "qualified patient" and a "primary care giver" found in possession of marijuana, and SB420 which describes the legal way for caregivers and patients to gather together collectively and cooperatively to grow and distribute marijuana among themselves creating a closed and non-profit circuit. Otherwise, the possession, cultivating, distribution, and sale of marijuana continue to be illegal by state law.

The State Attorney General provided specific guidelines in 2008 to assist citizens and law makers in applying the state law. These guidelines clarify that stores selling marijuana or "dispensaries" are not closed-circuit operations and thus are illegal. District Attorneys of both San Diego and Los Angeles Counties have publicly stated that all of the marijuana storefronts are illegal.

Illicit entrepreneurs are now exploiting the voter's merciful intent and are profiteering by selling drugs from pot shops in our neighborhoods. Ads in local magazines, discount coupons, and promotional giveaways all demonstrate the retail nature and profit motive of these pot shop "dispensaries". The co-founder of Prop 215, Rev. Scott Imler acknowledged

that dispensaries operating in California are little more than dope dealers with store fronts.

A City Council "medical" marijuana "task force" is meeting. This "task force" *should* focus on policies to keep these illegal businesses from opening, thereby saving our police resources from being drained to shut down dozens of storefront drug dealers every few years. This "task force" *should* insure every "cooperative" is operating within the attorney general's guidelines. This "task force" *should not* expand or loosen those guidelines. This "task force" *should not* be looking for an "acceptable" area or "zone" of the city where these illegal stores will be out of the sight of city residents and so deemed "acceptable and legal".

Eight California counties and 130 cities, including San Marcos, Carlsbad, and Escondido, have ordinances banning marijuana dispensaries. Without a ban, pot shop numbers in Los Angeles have grown to over 1,000 and the city council is now scrambling to rectify their earlier lack of action.

The September police raids that closed 14 dispensaries sent a hopeful message to city residents. However, when asked at a recent meeting of community planners Assistant Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman indicated that since September another 30 have opened and "no dispensary that has been investigated has been found to be operating legally".

Residents wonder why the pot shop in their neighborhood didn't get closed and when it will be closed. In spite of a "task force," the district attorney and police must continue to enforce laws regarding marijuana sales at illegal pot shops. The city of San Diego could make their job a lot easier by not allowing these illegal businesses to open in the first place.

Thank you,

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Web: <http://www.accionsandiego.org>

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Marijuana Dispensaries: Legal Issues Seminar

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Presenter: Martin J. Mayer

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- ❖ General Counsel, California State Sheriffs Association (CSSA)
- ❖ California Peace Officers Association (CPOA)
- ❖ Legal counsel to approximately 70 law enforcement agencies
- ❖ City Prosecutor for 16 cities

Who Should Attend:

- Anyone who advises or influences local marijuana policy decisions
- Anyone who implements or enforces marijuana policies
- Anyone who cares about the **negative** impact of marijuana and marijuana dispensaries in our community

When: Thursday, November 12
2:00pm to 4:00pm

Where: Carmel Valley Community Center
3777 Townsgate Drive, San Diego 92130

*Directions: I-5 to Del Mar Heights Road (East);
South on El Camino Real; East on Townsgate Drive*

Why:

- Marijuana sales and distribution can negatively impact the public safety of a community
- There is considerable state law and court case findings that clarify how marijuana and marijuana dispensaries can be legislated in a community
- Nearly 200 municipalities have created legislation regarding marijuana dispensaries, the majority banning them
- Clear legislation can protect your municipality and law enforcement agency

RSVP: Reserve today by sending name, title, and phone number to
judistrang@earthlink.net; 858.382.6598



Letter from the President

Regarding Missing and Incorrect Listings on iParticipate.org
Jose,

First the good news and a thank you. To all the actors, script-writers, production people and executives who put their talent and time to work last week to join the Entertainment Industry Foundation's [iParticipate](http://iParticipate.org) TV campaign to celebrate volunteering -- thank you. Keep it coming.

It was an extraordinary moment that put the voice of volunteers at the center of an emerging national conversation. The high-profile campaign embraced ideas that have been reshaping volunteering for over a decade and is an important tipping-point in the effort to help millions of

local nonprofits, schools and civic institutions, like you, unlock the possibilities of volunteer service.

Now the bad news: The campaign didn't work as planned, and as many of you reported to us, unresolved system bugs related to the Entertainment Industry Foundation's implementation of the new [All for Good](http://AllforGood.org) APIs left thousands of interested volunteers on iParticipate.org browsing through an aggregation of incomplete, incorrect, duplicate, out-of-date and out-of-place volunteer opportunities -- many of them your Volunteer Match listings.

We have reported the problems to the Entertainment Industry Foundation, Service Nation and All for Good, but regret that as of today the issues have not been resolved.

No one knows better than Hollywood that you never get a second chance to make a first impression. This was not the first impression we had hoped the bright lights of Hollywood would help you to make and we are sorry.

The results were not what we expected, or the results you deserved. To learn more, and to share your thoughts, [visit our blog and leave a comment](#).

We will continue to work to resolve these issues and to ensure that they don't happen again. We can do better and we will.

Yours,

Greg Baldwin, President

Volunteer Match

THURSDAYS WITH MARTI

Often, the best way to get to know the people in the community and what really concerns them is to get out into the neighborhoods. So every Thursday, councilmember Marti Emerald (CD7) will be in a different community from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm.

Marti's Thursday Schedule:

- 1st Thursday: College-Rolando Library
- 2nd Thursday: San Carlos Recreation Center
- 3rd Thursday: Tierrasanta Library
- 4th Thursday: AM: Allied Gardens Library
PM: Allied Gardens Recreation Center

Please contact your Neighborhood Representative to schedule a meeting with Marti.

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVES

MARISA BERUMEN – Alvarado Estates and Fox Canyon Neighborhood,
(619) 236-6435, mberumen@sandiego.gov.

CYNTHIA R. HARRIS – College Area and El Cerrito, (619) 533-5897,
crharris@sandiego.gov.

KIM KGUYEN – City Heights, Rolando Park, Rolando Village, Redwood Village and Oak Park, kimguyen@sandiego.gov,
(619) 236-7042.

Tierrasanta, Mission Trails Park, Stonebridge and the
Corps Air Station, (619) 236-6677.

DONATIONS

The year is just winding down with only two months left to face the Income Taxman. If you are planning your tax liability and need some tax deduction, think of DONATING to your favorite charity. We just would like if to encourage you to donate to the charity that oversees your neighborhood improvements. The Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association is a full pledged 501 (c) (3) and would like to solicit your cash donations.



MAYOR JERRY SANDERS' CLEAN GENERATION PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSIONS

Tuesday, November 3, 2009
Standley Middle School Auditorium
6298 Radcliffe Drive
San Diego, CA 92122
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 5, 2009
César Chávez Elementary School
Auditorium
1404 South 40th Street
San Diego, CA 92113
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Monday, November 9, 2009
Kearny High School Auditorium
7651 Wellington Way
San Diego, CA 92111
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 10, 2009
Serra High School Auditorium
5156 Santo Road
San Diego, CA 92124
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 12, 2009
War Memorial Building
3325 Zoo Drive
San Diego, CA 92101
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Monday, November 16, 2009
Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch Library
10301 Scripps Lake Drive
San Diego, CA 92131
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 18, 2009
Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library &
Performing Arts Center
5148 Market Street
San Diego, CA 92114
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 19, 2009
Point Loma Nazarene University
Colt Hall Forum
3900 Lomaland Drive
San Diego, CA 92106
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

This is an opportunity for Mayor Jerry Sanders' staff to present an update of the Mayor's Clean Generation Program in each district and answer any questions the community may have.

For more information, please contact the Office of the Mayor at (619) 236-6330 or CleanGeneration@sandiego.gov.



Applications for Home Repairs Now Being Accepted
For Our 2010 Home Renovation Program

WHO: Applications are now being accepted from low-income families who own their own home and need assistance with home repairs.

WHAT: Rebuilding Together San Diego, is a non-profit and affiliate of the largest National volunteer home rehabilitation and affordable housing preservationist organization in America.

This grassroots non-profit aids elderly, disabled, veterans and families throughout San Diego who own and live in their own home, but because of age, physical limitation and low and/or fixed incomes are not able to address their housing repairs themselves.

- All work is performed at no cost to the recipients accepted into our program.
- Community non-profit facilities struggling between program costs and deferred maintenance are also welcome to apply.
- Now in our 15th year we have completed over 360 projects vesting more than \$11 million dollars in market value into the San Diego community.

HOW: Volunteers team together with sponsors to renovate homes in communities in and around San Diego. Performing such tasks as interior and exterior painting, general clean-up, landscaping, plumbing, carpentry and electrical repairs.

WHEN: Dead-line to apply is: December 15, 2009

Applications and income guide-lines can be found on our website at:

[www.http://www.rebuildingtogethersd.org](http://www.rebuildingtogethersd.org)

Or by calling (619) 231-7873

If you or someone you know could benefit from our home renovation and neighborhood revitalization program please contact us immediately

Please note that an application does not guarantee acceptance into our program

Interested in Getting Involved?

There are sponsorship, volunteer (general and skilled tradesmen), in-kind material donation and financial tax deductible contribution opportunities available.

Call: Rebuilding Together San Diego and ask for Pamela Thorsch, Executive Director at (619) 231-7873 or e-mail: rtsd@rebuildingtogethersd.org for more information.

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